

National Medal Commemorating 10th Anniversary of September 11 Terrorist Attacks Available from the United States Mint

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WASHINGTON — The Nation will pause on Sunday, September 11, 2011, to observe the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. To commemorate this tragic moment in history, the men and women of the United States Mint are proud to strike and make available the official 2011 September 11 National Medal. The medal is authorized by Public Law 111-221, the “National September 11 Memorial & Museum Commemorative Medal Act of 2010.”

The medal’s obverse (heads side) design features Lady Liberty holding the Lamp of Remembrance. Behind her are beacons of light stretching skyward. Lady Liberty, the lamp and the light symbolize not only the immeasurable loss on that fateful day, but also the resilience and triumph of those who persevered. Inscriptions are *ALWAYS REMEMBER* and *2001 – 2011*. The medal’s obverse was designed by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program Master Designer Donna Weaver and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Phebe Hemphill.

The medal’s reverse (tails) design depicts an eagle – symbolizing the strength of the survivors, the families and the Nation – against a backdrop of cascading water. The flowing water is emblematic of peace, serenity, healing and the continuity of life. Inscriptions are *HONOR* and *HOPE*. The medal’s reverse was designed by Weaver and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Joseph Menna.

To the extent possible, approximately one-half of the proof quality one-ounce silver medals will be struck at the United States Mint at West Point (featuring the “W” mint mark) and one-half at the United States Mint at Philadelphia (featuring the “P” mint mark). Customers may purchase one or both options. There is no household order limit for this product.

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